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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Barry Hannigan)
Serial No.: 09/919,353) Art Unit: 2184
Filed: July 31, 2001) Examiner:
For: PROTOCOL ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2 as follows:

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2. The system according to Claim 1, wherein analyzing said at least one protocol includes decoding and filtering.

AUTHORIZATION

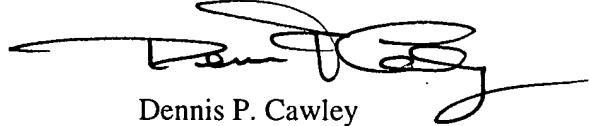
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for

that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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